

## **Frequently Asked Questions In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation**

### **Labeling FAQ Revised May 2011**

**Q – When will I receive my Equipment Identification Numbers (EINs) after initially reporting my fleet?**

**A –** Fleets that have reported online through DOORS will receive their EINs immediately upon approval of their fleet. EINs are viewable by logging into your DOORS account and selecting “View EINs” from the drop-down menu.

Fleets that have reported via hardcopy forms will have their EINs mailed directly to them.

**Q – Once I receive the ARB issued EINs, what are the requirements for labeling vehicles?**

**A –** After receiving the EINs, fleets must label their vehicles within 30 days.

Fleet owners have a choice of how they want to label the vehicle itself. For example, some fleets may choose to label their vehicles with stickers, while others may paint the EIN on the vehicle.

The color of the EIN label is dependent on the type of fleet. Most EIN labels must be white on a red background. However, for captive attainment area fleets, the EIN labels must be white on a green background. Captive attainment area fleets are fleets or subfleets in which all of the vehicles operate exclusively within the following counties: Alpine, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Monterey, Northern Sonoma, Plumas, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Trinity, Tehama, and Yuba

The EIN label must be located in clear view on both sides of the outside of the vehicle, approximately 5 feet above ground. If the vehicle is not 5 feet tall, the label may be placed lower on the vehicle. Each character of the EIN needs to be at least 3 inches tall and 1.5 inches wide. Furthermore, the EIN must be maintained in a manner that retains its legibility for the entire life of the vehicle.

The photographs below show real vehicles labeled with EINs.

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**Q – Due to the previous labeling requirements, I only labeled the right (starboard) side of my vehicles. How long do I have to get both sides of my vehicles labeled?**

**A –** Fleets have until January 1, 2013, to place an identical EIN label on the left (port) side of the vehicle.

**Q – I am a captive attainment area fleet and my vehicles are labeled with EINs on a red background instead of green. How long do I have to change the EIN labels on my vehicles?**

**A –** Captive attainment area fleets have until January 1, 2013, to change their EINs to green backgrounds and to label both sides of their vehicles.

**Q – What if I do not have room on my vehicle to place the EIN? Should I place my EIN vertically?**

**A –** Fleets are responsible to make every effort to find a place for the label of the appropriate size. However, if it is not possible – for example if there is physically not a surface that will hold the label horizontally on the right side of the vehicle - a fleet may use a smaller or vertical label. The fleet must make the label as close to the required size as possible in order for it to be legible to enforcement

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personnel. If ARB's enforcement staff finds labels that are smaller than required or placed vertically without a valid reason, the fleet will be subject to enforcement action. The use of smaller or vertical labels must be for a valid reason, for example, fleets cannot use smaller or vertical labels if there is no room because of existing optional stickers and/or placards on the vehicle. Furthermore, labels should not be placed on a portion of the vehicle that can be detached (for example, the backhoe attachment on a tractor). If you have any questions about labeling, you can contact ARB about your specific situation.

**Q – What is the process for labeling added vehicles?**

**A –** Once a vehicle has been added to a fleet that has been previously approved in DOORS, an EIN will automatically be assigned. The owner or responsible person has 30 days from then to appropriately label their equipment.

**Q – Where can I buy labels?**

**A –** For a list of label vendors who have demonstrated that they can meet the label specifications, please see our website at:  
[www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/labelvendors.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/labelvendors.htm)

The listed vendors have provided a label to ARB meeting the specifications. However, please note that the listing of these companies does not constitute endorsement by the Air Resources Board.

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